

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 555

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Claire Coker upon her election as National President of DECA.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those citizens who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence have distinguished themselves and brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, Claire Coker is one such exceptional young lady who was recently elected National President of DECA, a non-profit organization dedicated to preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe; and

WHEREAS, a 2011 graduate of West High School, Claire Coker is the first DECA President to be elected from the great state of Tennessee in thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, in her new position, Ms. Coker will skillfully represent 185,000 students from across the globe, including delegates from all fifty states as well as nine other countries; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude, ambition, and character that earned Claire Coker this honor surely bode well for her future success at the University of Tennessee, where she plans to study Public Relations and Marketing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Claire Coker upon her recent election as National President of DECA and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.